

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT  
Patent Application Serial No. 09/698,558  
Reply to Office Action Mailed December 17, 2003  
Art Unit: 3725**

**Attorney Docket No.: Case 6103**

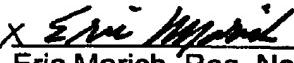
**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed December 17, 2003 has been carefully reviewed. Reconsideration of this application, in view of the above amendments, Applicants' Amendment filed December 1, 2003 (which is hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein), and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Only the changes to Applicants' specification set forth in the Amendment filed December 1, 2003 have been re-presented as amended paragraphs in compliance with 37 CFR §1.121. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the present application in view of the submissions described above.

Applicants have endeavored to make the foregoing response sufficiently complete to permit prompt, favorable action on the subject patent application. In the event that the Examiner believes, after consideration of this response, that the prosecution of the subject patent application would be expedited by an interview with an authorized representative of the applicants, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (330) 860-6605.

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